

barrier dune system. Violation of any ordinance adopted by the governing body of a municipality pursuant to this section is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both in the discretion of the court.”

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 14th day of February, 1974.

S. B. 1024**CHAPTER 857**

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF WINTERVILLE, TO EXTEND THE TERM OF ONE SUCH COMMISSIONER, AND TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE TOWN ELECTION OF 1973.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 5 of Chapter 95 of the Private Laws of 1897, as amended, is further amended by rewriting the same to read as follows:

“Sec. 5. The officers of the Town of Winterville shall consist of a Mayor and three Commissioners, whose terms of office shall be four years. In the regular election in 1975 and quadrennially thereafter, two Commissioners shall be elected. In the regular election in 1977 and quadrennially thereafter, a Mayor and one Commissioner shall be elected. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to restrict or prohibit the changing of the number, terms, or method of election of officers of the Town in accordance with the General Statutes.”

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term of office of the Commissioner of the Town of Winterville elected in 1971 for a term of three years is hereby extended until the regular election in 1975. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the election in 1973 of a Mayor and a Commissioner of the Town of Winterville, each for a term of four years, is hereby ratified, confirmed, and in all respects validated.

Sec. 3. Chapter 183 of the Session Laws of 1943 is repealed.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 14th day of February, 1974.

S. B. 1112**CHAPTER 858**

AN ACT TO GRANT TO THE COMMISSIONER LIMITED POWER TO EXTEND USE OF REGISTRATION PLATES IN EMERGENCIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. From February 10, 1974, through April 1, 1974, G.S. 20-65 is hereby amended by striking the “comma” appearing immediately after the word “inclusive” and immediately before the word “if” appearing in line seven thereof by inserting the following words and punctuation immediately after the word “inclusive” and immediately before the word “if” in line seven: “or where an emergency exists for such additional time and under such conditions as the Commissioner with the approval of the Governor may prescribe.” After amended, G.S. 20-65 will read:

“§ 20-65. *Expiration of registration.*—Every vehicle registration under this Article and every registration card and registration plate issued hereunder shall